cashew nuts in India during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) how much area in each State was under cashew crop cultivation during the Sixth Plan period;

(c) how much expected to be brought under crop cultivation in each State during the Seventh Plan period;

(d) whether any subsidy is being presently given to bring new areas under cashew crop cultivation; if so, what are the details in this regard;

(e) whether Government have growers in Andhra Pradesh, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) what other steps are being proposed to be taken to increase production of cashew during the Seventh Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b) As cashewnut is not a forecast crop, no State-wise official statistics of production of cashewnuts are available of area and production of cashewnut for the States/UTs for the year 1981-82 are given in the statement attached.

(c) The State-wise traget of area to be brought under cashew cultivation is not fixed at national level.

(d) The details of subsidy provided for cashew cultivation are given below:—

(i) Subsidy at the rate of Rs. 900/- per hectare to the growers and Rs. 500/- per hectare to the State Corporation for planting cashew.

(ii) Subsidy for laying out demonstrations in ryots holding at the rate of Rs. 400/- per plot of 0.4 hectare size.

(e) and (f) An amount of Rs. 54.355 lakhs has been released during Sixth Five Year Plan to Government of Andhra Pradesh under Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Package Programme for Development of Cashewnut.

This scheme is continued during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Statement

Area and Production of cashewnut, 1981-82

	Area (ha.)	Production (tonnes)
1. Andhra Pradesh	57,279	20,000
2. Goa . .	44,139	8,500
3. Karnataka .	58,299	18,000
4. Kerala . .	1,47,363	1,18,000
5. Maharashtra .	22,692	10,000
6. Orissa . .	48,601	8,000
7. Pondicherry .	363	200
8. Tamil Nadu .	94,770	10,560
9. Tripura . .	839	60
10. West Bengal .	6,698	2,500
TOTAL :	4,81,043	1,95,760

Thefts of water meters in Moti Bagh

†2927-B. SHRI SYED AHMED HASHMI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the complaints relating to the thefts of water meters installed outside the quarters of Government Colony, Moti Bagh, New Delhi have been received by Government; and

(b) if so, how many cases have come to light?

†Previously Unstarred Question No. 2680, transferred from the 22nd August, 1985.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir, there have been cases of theft of water meters in this colony.

(b) The NDMC have reported that there have been 94 such cases since 1981.

The DWS & SDU have reported that there have been about 58 such cases during the year 1984-85 and 4 complaints have so far been received during the current year.

Holding of typing test for appointing MC

†2927-C. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING be pleased

(a) whether it is a fact that a written test for the post of L.D.C./Typists was held in N.D.M.C. and on the basis of that test letters for typing test were issued in April, 1985;

(b) wheher the typing test scheduled to be held in April, 1985 was postponed;

(c) if so, by when the typing test is likely to be held;

(d) the number of candidates called for typing test and the number of vacancies to be filled up;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the candidates selected on the basis of earlier test are still to be appointed;

(f) if so, the number of such candidates; and

(g) the number of casual L.D.C./typists working there?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The NDMC have informed that the typing test will now be held after the ban on recruitment and filling up of vacant posts is lifted.

(d) 1286 candidates were called by NDMC for typing test. The number of available vacancies is 20 (approximately).

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

(2) No casual LDCs/ typists are at present working with the NDMC.

Intrusion of foreign boats into Indian waters

†2927-D. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign boats chartered for high sea fishing are intruding into our defence installations area;

(b) whether it is also a fact that restrictions which was previously imposed on foreign boats that they could not enter within the 40 nautical miles of Indian waters has been withdrawn; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) No, Sir. The Coast Guard monitors the operation of chartered vessels. As per rules, chartered fishing vessels are inspected by the Coast Guard authorities prior to commencing fishing operations. For security reasons chartered vessels are not allotted Bombay, Visakhapatnam and Port Blair as the base of operation. These vessels are required to operate beyond 24 nautical miles from the shore of islands like Andaman & Nicobar, Lakshadweep and Minicoy; Bombay High and other off-shore installations.

†Previously Unstarred Question No. 2749, transferred from the 22nd August, 1985.

†Previously Unstarred Question No. 2762 transferred from the 22nd August 1985.